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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECTION OF APRIL 16 WASHINGTON POST
ARTICLE RELATING TO GREECE AND CYPRUS:

BEGIN TEXT: I WOULD ASSUME THAT IN EVERY CAPITAL IN THE
WORLD THERE WOULD BE A REASSESSMENT GOING ON OF THE U.S.
ROLE, OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH YOU CAN COUNT ON U.S.
COMMITMENTS," ROCKEFELLER SAID, THUMPING HIS FIST ON THE
CABIN TABLE. "NOW IF I WERE A TURK AND HAD BUILT MY ARMY
TOTALLY ON AMERICAN WEAPONS AND SPARE PARTS AND WAS
DEPENDENT ON THEM AND HAD PAID CASH FOR DELIVERY OF
WEAPONS AND THEN GOT CUT OFF WHEN I WAS TRYING TO DEFEND
A MINORITY OF MINE WHO HAD REALLY BEEN HAVING A ROUGH
TIME ON AN ISLAND, I'D HAVE TO THINK TWICE."

THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS ASKED HOW HE WOULD FEEL IF HE WERE
A GREEK AND THE TURKS HAD USED AGAINST HIM WEAPONS
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SUPPLIED TO THEM BY THE UNITED STATES.

"IF I WERE A GREEK AND I BELIEVED IN DEMOCRACY I WOULD
BE SO VERY HAPPY THAT MY COUNTRY AS A RESULT OF THE
BLUNDERS OF THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN CYPRUS THAT
THE GOVERNMENT WAS OVERTHROWN...THAT I WOULD BE DOWN
ON MY KNEES PRAYING TO WHOEVER THEY PRAY TO,"
ROCKEFELLER REPLIED. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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